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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN YOUR ASSURANCE TO ELECTORAL COURT PRESIDENT (REFTEL) OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR FAIR ELECTORAL PROCESS IN BOLIVIA. AS YOU POINTED OUT, OUR STANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IS A CLEAR INDICATION OF WHERE THE U.S. STANDS ON THIS ISSUE.
2. IN YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY AS THE ELECTORAL COURT PRESIDENT SUGGESTED, WISH TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH AMBASSADORS FROM OTHER CONCERNED COUNTRIES, SUCH AS VENEZUELA.

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3. THOUGH THINGS MAY GO REASONABLY WELL, AS THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION PRESIDENT HOPES, WE MAY ALSO BE FACED WITH THE NECESSITY OF MAKING A RATIONAL JUDGEMENT ABOUT THE INTRINSIC FAIRNESS OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. IF SO, WE WILL RELY HEAVILY ON YOUR ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER ANY IRREGULARITIES MATERIALLY AFFECTED THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION. COULD YOU GIVE US YOUR VIEW OF HOW LONG IT MAY

TAKE FOR THE FACTS TO BECOME REASONABLY CLEAR AND YOUR

RECOMMENDATION ON WHAT COURSE WE MIGHT TAKE WITH RESPECT
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